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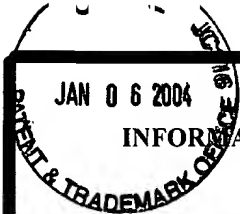
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	European Search Report dated October 14, 2003

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